

Gray Elementary PAC Meeting

November 26, 2014

7:00 PM

In attendance

Sandra Baumeister

Nicole Braid

Jennifer Hastings

Zena Ray

Amy Burden

Lucie Seba

Ruth Kaune

Mike Keller

Lori Guiton

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda.

Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of previous meeting.

Principal's Report

Zena officially introduced Nicole (nbraid@deltasd.bc.ca) as the new vice-principal.

Christmas concert will be split into intermediate and primary performances, on separate evenings due to a limited amount of space available. Some families may come to the dress rehearsals in the afternoon if they cannot make a night performance.

At every formal assembly, the school is now being asked to acknowledge the traditional territory, out of respect for Aboriginal culture.

There will be a new Delta curriculum coming out that will allow teachers to promote a greater understanding of Aboriginal concerns.

There is an exciting initiative where the District is implementing a new curriculum, which is to be ready in the spring. A CIA team will be helping teachers to learn and implement the curriculum as it is organized very differently, i.e. what teachers pay attention to; core competencies rather than prescribed learning outcomes used for the past twenty years. Goal is to free teachers up to make things work better for kids.

Community policing report was handed in and the results indicated that incidents of jay-walking have decreased but that U-turns continue to be a problem, as well as parents stopping their cars in the driving lane to let their kids out.

The school staff continues to struggle with having visitors sign-in and sometimes parents seem to be wandering in the halls. Teachers and other staff members need to know that a parent in the hall has business in the school, which would be identified by a visitor pass or visitor label pin. As well, the sign-in process will allow school staff to identify who is in the school in the event of an emergency.

DPAC Report

Notes from the previous DPAC meeting were circulated by Courtney Marsh, through email, and are attached to the minutes. Next DPAC meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2015.

Treasurer Report

Reviewed last year's final report. Reviewed the school year YTD report.

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Motion was made to give each class \$150; Motion seconded, passed.

Motion was made to give \$15.00, per student, to be used for field trips, from the gaming funds. Motion seconded, passed.

A teachers' wish list was presented for PAC consideration. The PAC is currently fundraising for a new playground and intends to have funds available to be ready for a matching grant from the Corporation of Delta. Sandra will get an initial quote to replace the wooden playground at the back of the school.

Motion was made to use PAC funds to pay for list item #2 – 3 iPad Minis, and list item #3 – Mount LCD projectors in library, MP room and classroom. Motions seconded, passed.

Motion was made to use PAC funds to pay the balance due on the purchase of a tablet for the office Emergency Kit. The balance will be any portion that is not paid from collected emergency funds. Motion seconded, passed.

Hot Lunch Update

The on-line ordering process seems to be going well and parents are getting on board. There will be two more hot lunches in December.

Emergency Preparedness

The food will be expiring in 2015. Mike will follow up on emergency fund amount and the cost of replacing food.

Fundraising/Special Events

Some parents have stated they would be willing to be a part of a fundraising committee. Amy will email parents willing to join Fundraising Committee, in preparation for next meeting.

New Business

Discussion was held about the identification of families in the Gray community that may be struggling. School has a hardship fund to assist with field trips and to make sure no kids miss out on important events. Privacy policies are in place regarding status of families in the school.

Gray clothing/school wear has not been made available for two years. Amy will contact Jeff McCallum and get information on ordering. Continued discussion will be held next meeting.

PAC meeting dates for 2015:

January 28, 2015	9:15 AM
February 25, 2015	7:00 PM
April 22, 2015	9:15 AM
May 27, 2015	7:00 PM

Motion made to adjourned, seconded, passed at 8:45 PM